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Response to Restriction Requirement and Election
Restriction Requirement

This is filed in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction of the claims and an election of species, mailed September 27, 2002, for the above-identified application. Claims 1-157 are pending in the application. In that communication the Examiner required that prosecution in this application be restricted to one of the groups: Group I, claims 1-41, 72-91, 149 and 153-157; Group II, claims 42-71 and 92-134, and, Group III, claims 135-148 and 150-152.

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects for further examination the invention construed by the Examiner to comprise Group I, claims 1-41, 72-91, 149 and 153-157.

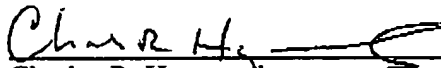
Applicant traverses this requirement but will prosecute non-elected groups by continuation application.

Election of Species

The Examiner further required under 35 USC 121 that Applicant elect to prosecute a single disclosed species. The Examiner identified three distinct species in Group I in paragraph 6. The applicant provisionally elects species 2 (two) as described in paragraph 6 of the Examiner's requirement, "a coated article having at least two discrete regions with continuous porous coatings wherein each porous coating has at least one compound attached thereto."

As best as can be determined from the Examiner's definition, Applicant identifies claims 72-91 as reading on the elected species identified by the Examiner.

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